



Public Board Meeting

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Time: 1:02 PM

Trustees

Nicole Buchanan, Chair
Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair
Bill Christie, Trustee
Dianne Macaulay, Trustee
Bev Manning, Trustee
Bill Stuebing, Trustee
Cathy Peacocke, Trustee

Senior Administration

Stu Henry, Superintendent of Schools
Bruce Buruma, Corporate Secretary
Colin Cairney, Corporate Treasurer
Ron Eberts, Associate Superintendent
Chad Erickson, Associate Superintendent
Nicola Golby, Associate Superintendent
Rob Moltzahn, Associate Superintendent
Della Ruston, Associate Superintendent

1. Call to Order

The public meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:16 p.m.

2. Motion to Meet in Private

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

That the Board meet in private, the time being 12:16 p.m.

Carried

3. Revert to Public Meeting

The meeting reverted to a public meeting, the time being 1:02 p.m.

4. O Canada

O Canada was sung.

5. Land Acknowledgement

The land recognition statement recognizing Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 territory was read by Trustee Macaulay.

6. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: Dianne Macaulay, Trustee

THAT the minutes for Board Meeting October 9, 2019 be approved as presented.

Carried

7. Approval of Agenda

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the agenda for Board Meeting November 13, 2019 be approved.

Carried

8. Recognition

8.1 2019 Alberta Technology Leaders in Education Award

Dave Lorensen, Systems Analyst with our Technology and Information Services Department, was recognized by the Alberta Technology Leaders in Education (ATLE) for the Pillar Award to acknowledge an outstanding contribution supporting education through the convergence of learning, leadership and technology.

Dave's nomination was supported with a number of accomplishments. It was also noted that within Red Deer Public, Dave strives to make the work of teachers, administrators, secretaries, student records staff, and many of the senior administrators easier and more effective.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees recognize Dave Lorensen as a technology leader both within the Division and across the province.

Carried

9. Governance Agenda

9.1 Audited Financial Statements

The Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2019 were shared with the Board of Trustees. The auditors provided an unqualified opinion of the financial statements. The statements were reviewed at a recent meeting of the Audit Committee who recommended approval by the Board of Trustees.

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the audited financial statements for the year ended August 31, 2019.

Carried

9.2 Budget Update

The Board of Trustees reviewed the updated Fall Budget, which is to be submitted to Alberta Education by November 30. The update takes into account the actual enrolments as of the September 30 count date and potential budget changes from the spring budget submission.

Highlights in the report include:

- a deficit budget of \$3,000,000 for 2019/20
- Overall Provincial education expenses is maintained at \$8.2 billion in the 2019/20 fiscal year. This will remain frozen as the budget for the next 4

years. Therefore, any enrolment growth across the province will pull funds down per student.

- Transition year from the current Kindergarten to Grade 12 funding framework to a new funding and assurance model being developed as part of Budget 2020
- Funding for enrolment growth but by drawing down existing grants
- Following grants will be reallocated:
 - Classroom Improvement Funding (not planned in our budget) \$1,282,000
 - School / Transportation Fee Reduction Funding \$ 936,594
 - Class Size Funding \$4,935,763
- These re allocations will support enrollment growth funding (already in fall budget) of \$853,000 (111 new students) and,
- A one-time Transition Grant for the 2019/20 school year of \$2,130,348. The Transition Grant will be allocated using a per-student rate and will be based on enrolment in 2019/20. Metro, urban and charter school jurisdictions will receive a rate of \$203 per funded student while rural school jurisdictions will receive a rate of \$356 per funded student.
- Net Funding loss is \$3,742,009

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the fall 2019 Update to the 2019/20 Budget with a deficit of \$3,000,000 be accepted as information

Carried

9.3 ASBA Policies Bulletin

The Alberta School Boards Association's 2019 Fall General Meeting will be held November 17-19, 2019 in Edmonton. Trustees reviewed ASBA Policies Bulletin and established positions to be considered during the meeting.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive ASBA Proposed Policies Bulletin as information.

Carried

9.4 Proposed AERR Report

The Board of Trustees reviewed the 2018-2019 Annual Education Results Report (AERR) that presents a summary of the programs and accomplishments of our school jurisdiction for the last school year. The report reflects the jurisdictions Education Plan and focuses on the three priority areas for Red Deer Public Schools:

- Literacy & Numeracy
- Equity

- Student Success & Completion

It also aligns with the goals and outcomes of Alberta Education and meets their reporting requirements for school jurisdictions. Many significant and important accomplishments were outlined in the report by Associate Superintendent Eberts. The District continues to be responsive to the needs of students and committed to student success. The report also demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement across the district.

Moved By: Dianne Macaulay, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees approve the proposed Annual Education Results Report for 2018-2019.

Carried

9.5 ASBA Report

Trustee Peacocke provided a written report updating on ASBA Zone 4 activities.

ACTION ITEM

The Chair discussed the preparation of future Zone media releases and her plans to run draft versions media releases by the Executive prior to sending any out. Discussion on whether our media releases should identify us as ASBA Zone 4 instead of as the eight Central Alberta School Boards. ASBA does not agree with us issuing media releases that connect us to ASBA for the possible situations where our statement conflicts with ASBA or when ASBA does not have a position on a particular issue. Board Reps are requested to seek input from their Boards as to whether they believe we should be identified specifically as Zone 4.

The Board of Trustees vote was six (yes) and one (no) to remain identifying as Zone 4 for media releases.

Moved By: Cathy Peacocke, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accept the ASBA Report as information.

Carried

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Vice Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees move that the Board Representative be Trustee Peacocke and the alternate Representative be Board Chair Buchanan for Red Deer Public Schools.

Carried

9.6 PBSAA Report

Trustee Stuebing provided a verbal report on the PSBAA.

Moved By: Bill Stuebing, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the PBSA Report as information.

Carried

9.7 Enrolment Summary Report

October 31, 2019 enrollment totaled 11,221 students attending Red Deer Public Schools.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accept the Enrolment Summary Report for October 31, 2019 as information.

Carried

9.8 Naloxone Update

At the October 9th meeting, the Board of Trustees requested an update in regards to the use of Naloxone kits within our schools. Director of Community Relations, Bruce Buruma provided a report outlining the survey responses from the schools.

District Administration will use this information to have additional discussions on best practices and appropriate implementation of kits, including training.

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees receive the Naloxone update as information.

Carried

9.9 December Board Meeting Proposal

In order to meet the deadline of December 20, 2019 for the Executive search for the new Superintendent it was decided that the regularly scheduled Board Meeting for December 11, 2019 be cancelled to allow the Committee to conduct interviews with selected candidates.

Moved By: Bill Christie, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees cancel the December 11, 2019 regularly scheduled board meeting to allow the Board to focus on the Executive Search.

Carried

9.10 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Henry reviewed the Superintendent's Report.

Moved By: Bev Manning, Trustee

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Superintendent's Report as information.

Carried

9.11 Board Chair's Report

Board Chair Buchanan provided a verbal report.

Moved By: Nicole Buchanan, Chair

THAT the Board of Trustees accepts the Board Chair's Report as information.

Carried

10. Correspondence

10.1 Correspondence Sent

There were two letters sent to the Minister of Education regarding:

- the removal of "Public" from our legal name
- support for the continued funding for the Alberta School Council Association.

10.2 Correspondence Received

A letter received from Sturgeon Public Schools to Cathy Hogg, President of the Public School Boards Association, in regards to regulation 88/2019.

11. Celebrations

The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration commented on events and activities they participated in.

Motion to Meet in Private

Moved By: Laurette Woodward, Trustee

That the Board meet in private, the time being 2:17 p.m.

Carried

Revert to Public Meeting

The meeting reverted to a public meeting, the time being 3:14 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Chair Buchanan declared the meeting adjournment at 3:14 p.m.

Chair

Corporate Treasurer